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COAL MINING IN VALEA JUIIUI -- Scanteia, No 1266, 3 Nov 48

Miners of the Lupeni, Petrila, and Aninoasa mines have engaged in competitions in honor of 7 November. The leaders up to 29 October were the men of the Aninoasa mines who surpassed the quota by 4.8 percent; next were those of Lupeni with 1.07 percent; in last place were the Petrila men. At the Lupeni mines, many groups exceeded planned production; the crew lead by Timar Alexandru was 75 percent above the quota for October. At the Aninoasa mines, the crew of Sacalus Petre surpassed its quota by 20 percent; at the Petrila mines, the crew of Gribor Mihai by 86 percent. Also at the Petrila mines, the crew of Pop Ludovic averaged 70 percent above its September quota and from 1 to 24 October registered a surplus of 100 percent. At the three mines the output per man for 8 hours has risen to 3,224 tons instead of 3,055 tons in January of this year. Imports of tools and equipment from the USSR for mechanizing the mines have been instrumental in increasing production. More careful "shooting" has improved the yield of lump coal and reduced the amount of rock and fine coal. The miners at the Lonea mines have used 24 percent less wood for preparatory work and 40 percent less planks than in September of the past year.

PESCARASA MINE INCREASES PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1247, 12 Oct 48

The Pescarasa mine of the Sahlu-Colotti-Muscel coal basin has produced 67.8 percent more than for the corresponding period of 1945 and leads all the mines. The workers of the Patata mine have pledged to surpass the norm by 50 percent in October and to construct 15 cars to be used to bring the coal from the mine. They have also pledged to store 1,000 tons of coal by 25 October for use in winter.

ANINOASA MINES INCREASE PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1248, 13 Oct 48

In competition with those of Petrila, workers of the Aninoasa mines are to increase production from 1.07 ton per man per day to one ton per man per day. Moreover, shaft No 1 has been completely mechanized and shafts No 3 and 4 are in the process of mechanization. Workers have pledged to increase production of coal by 10 percent, to decrease consumption of electricity and compress air.

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by 5 percent, to lessen absenteeism, and to teach the 75 new, apprentice miners the improved methods which have been developed at the mines.

NEW METHANE GAS WELLS DISCOVERED -- Scanteia, No 1198, 15 Aug 48

The Minister of Mines and Petroleum announces exploration and exploitation of gas fields in the region of Cluj, the Zaul de Campie, Tarnava Mare. Exploration is progressing in the vicinity of Well No 28 of Noul-Sasesc and Well No 15 of the Saros field.

The field of Zaul de Campie has been under geological study since 1935 and exploration was begun this year, simultaneously with construction of Ceanul Mare--Cluj conduit. An important horizon of gas was discovered at 633 meters. On the basis of this discovery, Well No 4 is to be drilled and upon its completion, probably at the end of the year, Well No 5 will be started. These two wells should supply Cluj with gas for many years.

In the Noul-Sasesc region there are 27 wells which supply Brasov, Fagaras, and the industry of the upper Prahova River valley. It is planned to drill test-well No 28 this year and to extend it to 1,600 meters. Six new gas horizons have been discovered which have the highest pressure yet recorded for the region, 146 atmospheres.

PRODUCTION OF METHANE GAS INCREASES -- Scanteia, No 1246, 10 Oct 48

The September production program of the "Methane Gas Administration" has been surpassed by 4 percent in natural gas and by 3 percent in gas from petroleum. This represents an over-all increase of 4.2 percent over production in August.

GAS PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1275, 13 Nov 48

The production quota for gas from petroleum was surpassed by 7 percent in October, even though this quota was 6 percent greater than that for September. Production of methane gas was 10 percent above the October plan, which was 11 percent greater than for September. Gas well drilling was also above the plan set out by the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The quota was surpassed by 10 percent at Well No 29 of Noul Sasesc, and at Cetatea de Balta the workers drilled almost 200 meters extra. The drilling program showed an over-all figure of 20 percent above plan. Production of liquefied gas ("aragaz," "pebegaz," "essogaz") increased nearly 12 percent above quota and at the same time consumption of combustibles at the refineries was reduced. Bucharest received about 20 percent more gas than it did in September, and many factories and shops of the city have begun to use gas in place of liquid fuel. During October, 19,837 kilometers of gas mains of the Manesti-Bucharest gas line were laid instead of the planned 11 kilometers (80 percent above quota).

DRILLING OF GAS WELLS IN NOUL SASESC -- Scanteia, No 1246, 10 Oct 48

Gas well drilling at Noul Sasesc surpassed the program by 240 percent; at Copca Mica by 200 percent.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MANESTI-BUCHAREST GAS MAIN -- Scanteia, No 1246, 10 Oct 48

Instead of the planned 11 kilometers, 16,637 kilometers of 500-millimeter gas-main have been laid, representing an excess of about 50 percent above plan.

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In addition, the work of installing distributing pipes in Bucharest has surpassed the program by 270 percent.

GAS MAIN CONSTRUCTED FROM MANESTI TO BUCHAREST -- Scanteia, No 1206, 25 Aug 48

With the completion of the gas main from Manesti to Bucharest, the capital will be supplied with an additional 800,000 cubic meters of methane gas. Voluntary workers are aiding in the pipe laying.

PETROLEUM WELLS PRODUCING IN MORENI BASIN -- Scanteia, No 1232, 24 Sep 48

Workers and technicians of the "Muntania" petroleum administration of the Moreni Basin have succeeded in putting into production Wells No 569 and 548 which had been idle since 1943. Well No 14 AR has also been activated after 15 years of inactivity. The employees of the "Concordia" enterprise have put Well No 58 Rucareanu again into production after 5 years of idleness. The workers of this same enterprise have pledged to bring in 6 additional wells, which have been idle for some time, by 15 October.

BUCHAREST INCREASES PETROLEUM PRODUCTS -- Scanteia, No 1199, 17 Aug 48

"Petrolul" at Bucharest exceeded its July quota of petroleum products by 1,073 tons.

CRUDE OIL INCREASES OUTPUT FOR OCTOBER -- Scanteia, No 1279, 18 Nov 48

The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum announced that the production of crude oil was 4 percent greater in October than in September. The Moldova Petroleum Administration surpassed its quota by 2.9 percent; the Sovrompetrol Group by 1.1 percent; the Muntania Petroleum Administration and the nationalized group of exploiters fulfilled their quotas. Drilling was 7.2 percent greater than the preceding month.

DRILLING OF OIL WELLS DURING SEPTEMBER -- Scanteia, No 1252, 17 Oct 48

The goal set for drilling of oil wells has been surpassed by 16 percent during the month of September. The Minister of Petroleum and Mines also announces that exploratory drilling has exceeded the plan by 30 percent. The "Sovrompetrol" group was 28 percent over its quota and the Muntania Petroleum Administration by 34 percent. The Minister also announces that the production of petroleum reached the quota which had been planned.

TWO CONCORDIA WELLS REPRODUCING -- Scanteia, No 1201, 19 Aug 48

Wells No 655 and 314, belonging to "Concordia" in the Gura Jucului-Prahova region, have been made to yield petroleum again. Experiments have been conducted to prevent the corroding of pump parts and the results have been favorable.

WELL NO 117 BACK IN PRODUCTION -- Scanteia, No 1245, 9 Oct 48

The workers and technicians of "Sovrompetrol" Floesti Region No II have reactivated Well No 117, which had been abandoned by the former owners. Two hundred head screws have also been made.

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNE-SEPTEMBER -- Scanteia, No 1234, 26 Sep 48

The Minister of Agriculture announces that the following amounts of fuel have been distributed to the judets for use in agricultural machinery: gasoline, 16,425 tons (15,500); coal oil, 12,300 tons; heavy oil, 4,600 tons, plus gasoline for autos and motor oil.

ORADEA WORKERS PLEDGE COMPLETION OF CRIS GES -- Scanteia, No 1248, 13 Oct 48

The workers of the power plant in Oradea pledged themselves to complete the preliminary work on the hydroelectric station at Cris by 7 November. The workers of other enterprises of Oradea have promised to perform work which will benefit the whole community. The workers of the municipal railroad of Oradea will extend line "H" for another 220 meters and begin work on line "F." In addition, there have been extensive repairs on cars and engines.

DAM FOR HYDROELECTRIC PLANT CONSTRUCTED AT VALIUG -- Scanteia, No 1201, 19 Aug 48

Work was started 4 months ago on a dam at Valiug, Caras Judet. The dam will store up 10 million cubic meters of water from the Barzava River and will be 48 meters high and 120 meters wide. The hydroelectric plant will have an installed capacity of 6,000 kilowatts. Tile and brick will be fired in a kiln built in Valiug. Until the completion of the project in about 3 years the power plant of Resita will supply current.

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR DAM AND POWER PLANT -- Scanteia, No 1232, 24 Sep 48

The Minister of Interior has allocated 80,400,000 lei for the reconstruction of the dam and power station blown up by the Germans on the Mures River near Targul Mures. The work on the dam has been started.

ELECTRIFICATION OF COMMUNITIES NEAR BRASOV -- Scanteia, No 1252, 17 Oct 48

Towns along the Brasov-St George highway are to be furnished with electricity. Up to the present 135 ditches have been dug and 96 wooden and six metal poles have been erected. Pledges have been given that the entire project will be completed by 7 November.

ELECTRIC GENERATORS MUST BE REPORTED -- Scanteia, No 1200, 18 Aug 48

The Minister of Industry announces that all generators and all units driven by turbine or Diesel motor which are not being used must be reported to the Director of Electrical Energy of the Ministry of Industry. All motors of over 25 horse power, not in use, must also be reported.

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